

**CHINA STAR ENTERTAINMENT LTD**  
**WORTH A PUNT, MAYBE**

With the purse of publicly listed China Star Entertainment Ltd, bulging at the seams, for reasons, known best to Management, it pitched another Rights Issue in order to raise an additional \$HK147 million, net.

This is, perhaps, one of the most intriguing aspects, contained in the 1998 Annual Report of China Star for the Financial Year, ended December 31, 1998.

China Star is, primarily, a producer and distributor of motion pictures and television dramas. It is, also, involved in the distribution of video discs; and, it has a 9-percent equity interest in publicly listed DVB (Holdings) Ltd - formerly known as Capetronic International Holdings Ltd.

As at December 31, 1998, according to the Current Assets Schedule, the China Star Group of Companies had about \$HK52.17 million in cash, with debtors, deposits and prepayments on the books of the Group at about \$HK283.48 million.

The very strong balance sheet of the Group is reinforced when one notes that Current Assets stood at about \$HK545.21 million, as at Balance Sheet Date, with Current Liabilities at a paltry \$HK31.29 million.

There are not many publicly listed companies, listed on The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, with a Current Ratio (Current Assets Divided by Current Liabilities) of 17.42 times ... [CLICK TO ORDER FULL ARTICLE](#)